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SUBJECT: BRITISH QUERIES REGARDING USG ATTITUDE ON  
CYPRUS QUESTIONS

1. IN MEETING MAY 28 FCO SOUTH EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT  
HEAD GOODISON RAISED TWO ISSUES ON WHICH HE WOULD AP-  
PRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT. ONE IS NOISES THAT  
DENKTASH PERSONALLY AND OTHERS ON TURKISH SIDE HAVE  
BEEN MAKING TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN RECENT PAST  
IMPLYING THAT JUNE 5 MAY NOT BE THE TIME TO RESUME  
DENKTASH/CLERIDES TALKS IN VIENNA SINCE THERE WILL BE NO  
RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON CENTRAL  
GOVERNMENT POWERS BY THAT TIME. GOODISON ASKED US TO  
CONVEY TO DEPARTMENT HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT HMG SHOULD  
NOT SEEK TO INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER IN ANY WAY. HE IS  
NOT SURE THERE IS ANY ADVANTAGE IN DRAGGING THE PARTIES  
TO VIENNA IF THEY SIMPLY SIT AND GLARE AT EACH OTHER  
THERE. ON OTHER HAND, HE READILY ADMITTED LARGE PART OF  
GREEK CYPRIOT PURPOSE IN HAVING THESE MEETINGS AT ALL IS  
TO KEEP TURKS ENGAGED IN PEACE-MAKING TALKS NO MATTER  
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HOW LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE MAY ACTUALLY RESULT.

2. GOODISON ALSO NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES HAS BEEN NAGGING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ON WHAT CHRISTOPHIDES DESCRIBES AS PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE BRITISH ARE DEMONSTRATING TOWARDS TURKISH FEDERATED STATE, WHICH CAGLAYANGIL SAYS IS IN ADVANCE OF THAT BEING DEMONSTRATED BY OTHER NATIONS. AMONG SPECIFICS CHRISTOPHIDES MENTIONS IS ACCEPTANCE BY UK POSTAL AUTHORITIES OF CYPRIOT STAMPS WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED "TFSC" BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES. BRITISH HAVE BEEN DOING THIS AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WITHOUT GIVING ANY THOUGHT TO PROBLEM INVOLVED. THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER US POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE SIMILARLY BEEN ACCEPTING LETTERS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT STAMPS IN SAME WAY OR WHETHER THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO COLLECT POSTAL CHARGES FROM RECIPIENTS IN THE US.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REPLIES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS.

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